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WE CAN ONLY ECHO AMBASSADOR PAGANELLI BOTH IN HIS ENDORSE-
MENT OF AMBASSADOR MAESTRONE'S SUGGESTION THAT WE PICK UP
CLOSE CONSULTATION OFFER AS WELL AS IN HIS RESERVATIONS
AS TO THE LIKELY NATURE OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS WHICH
APPLY EQUALLY TO ABU DHABI AS TO DOHA. CERTAINLY UAEG
IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS AID PROGRAM FOR EGYPT AND SHARES
CONCERNS RE DIFFICULTY GETTING THAT COUNTRY'S ECONOMY
TURNED AROUND (SEE REF C) BUT, AS IN DOHA, THE AMOUNT
OF EXPERTISE AVAILABLE AND DEVOTED TO THIS ISSUE HERE
IS LIMITED. AS WITH QATAR, UAE WILL GENERALLY FOLLOW
KWAITI

AND SAUDI LEAD. AND IF ANYTHING THE POTENTIAL
POINTS OF CONTACT ARE EVEN FEWER--BASICALLY MIN-
STATE FOR FINANCE HABROUSH AND, WHEN HE IS HERE AND
AVAILABLE, FONMIN SUWEIDI. BUT ONCE AGAIN TO ENDORSE
AMBASSADOR PAGANELLI, DESPITE THE LIMITS WHICH WE SHOULD
PLACE ON OUR EXPECTATIONS HERE, CONSULTATIONS ARE
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